

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant    | : | Shiono                |                  |      |
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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
**Amendment**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 12/12/2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.